

Consett

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

- 2011 was a record year for company closures in Consett when compared to any year in history.
- The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Consett when compared to any previous second half year.
- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Consett when compared to any previous December.

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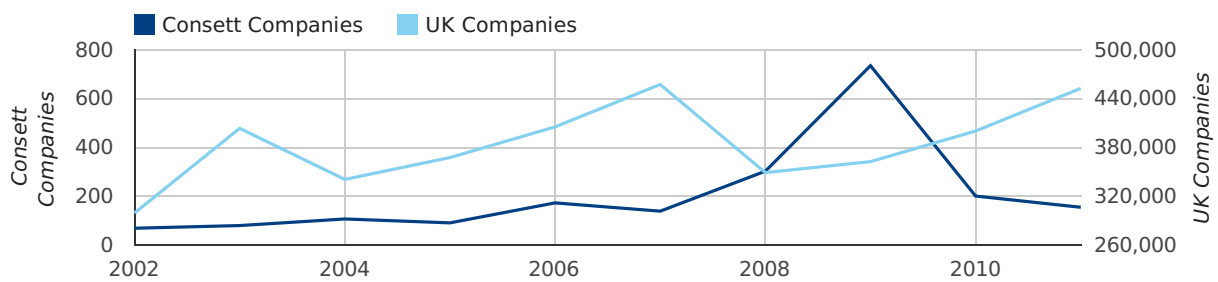
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 155 companies were formed in Consett in 2011. This total is 22.9% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	CONSETT	UK
2011	155	452,870
2010	201	400,358
2009	736	362,675
2008	303	349,203
2007	139	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2009 (736)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



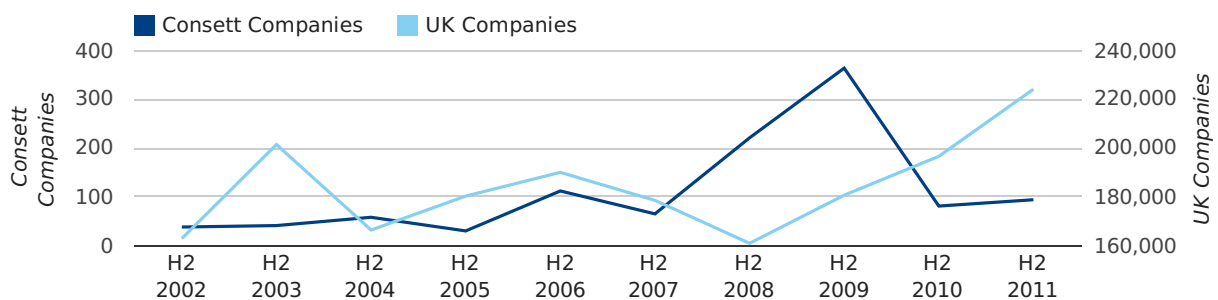
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 94 companies were formed in Consett. This figure is 16.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Consett occurred in 2009 when a total of 364 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CONSETT	UK
2011	94	224,135
2010	81	196,609
% CHANGE	16.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (364)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



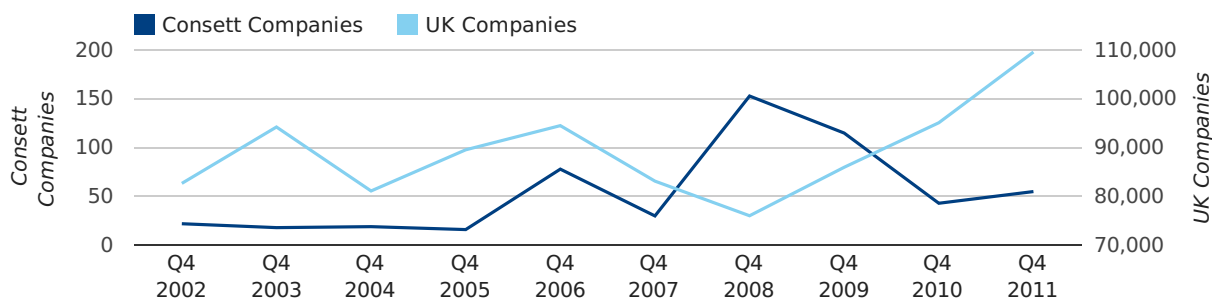
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 55 companies were registered in Consett during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 27.9% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

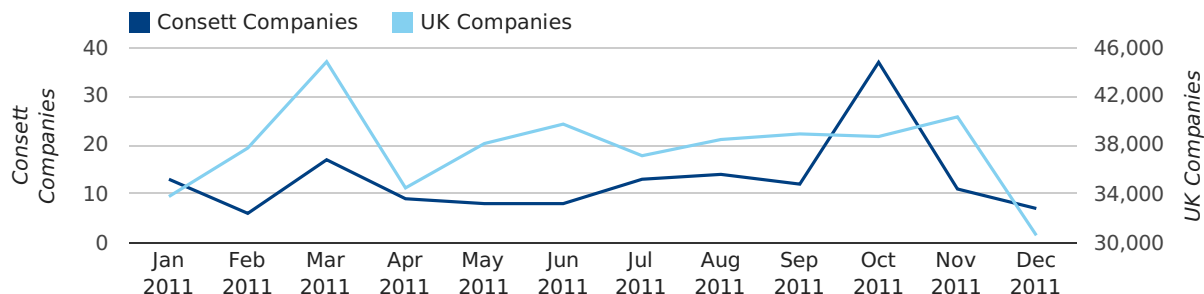
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CONSETT	UK
2011	55	109,623
2010	43	95,117
% CHANGE	27.9%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (153)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	37	11	7
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	9	8	26
% CHANGE	311.1%	37.5%	-73.1%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (72)	2006 (58)	2008 (45)

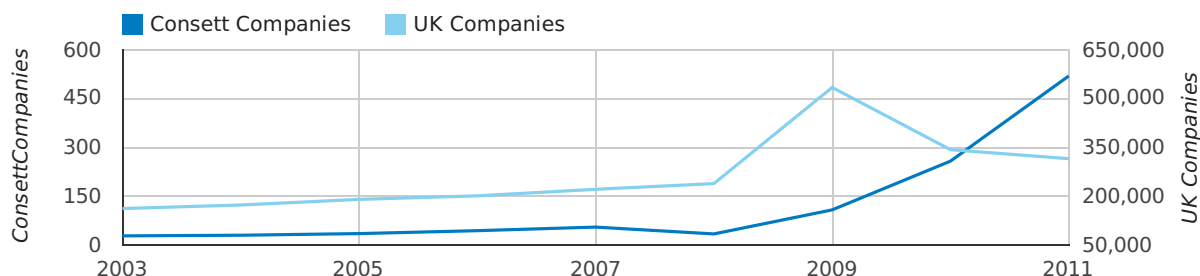
Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for company closures in Consett when compared to any year in history.

A total of 519 companies were dissolved in Consett in 2011. This total is 101.9% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	CONSETT	UK
2011	519	314,523
2010	257	342,232
2009	107	533,773
2008	33	237,901
2007	54	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2011 (519)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

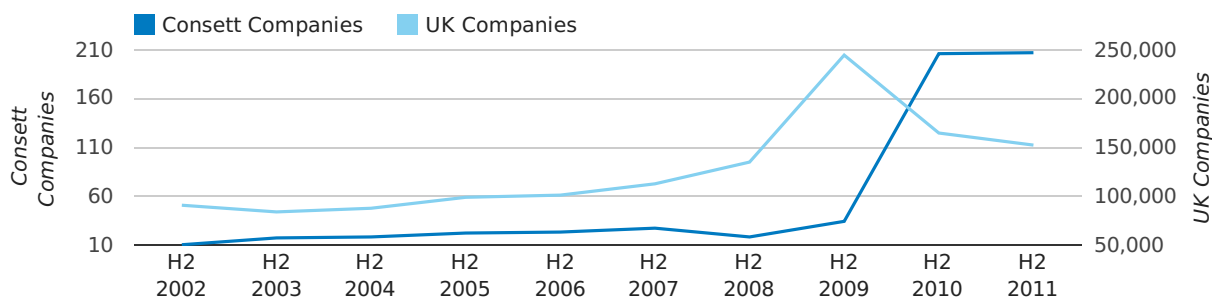
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Consett when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 207 companies were dissolved in Consett. This figure is 0.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Consett occurred in 2011 when a total of 207 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CONSETT	UK
2011	207	152,213
2010	206	164,601
% CHANGE	0.5%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (207)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



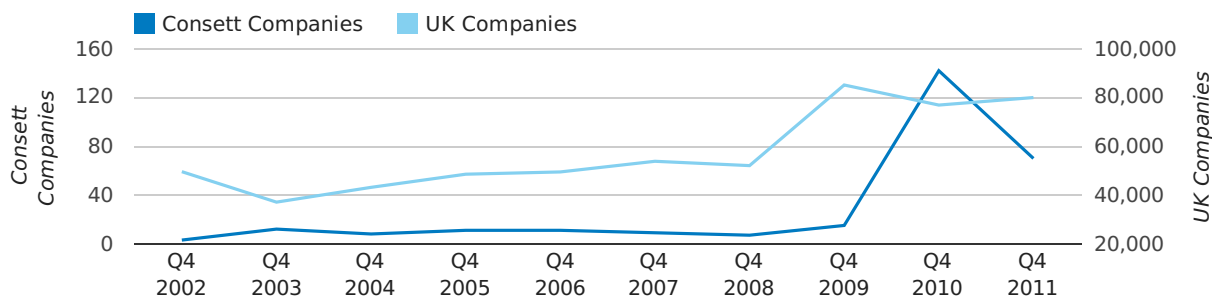
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 70 companies were dissolved in Consett during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 50.7% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CONSETT	UK
2011	70	79,983
2010	142	76,896
% CHANGE	-50.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (142)	2009 (85,136)

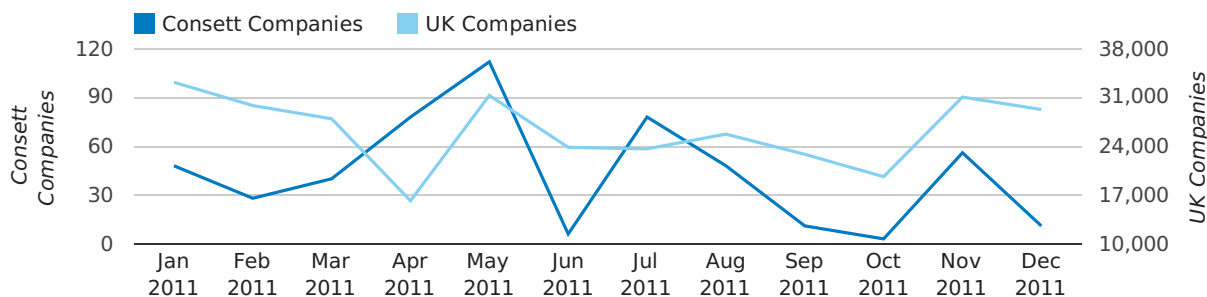
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Consett when compared to any previous December.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	3	56	11
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	50	89	3
% CHANGE	-94.0%	-37.1%	267%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (50)	2010 (89)	2011 (11)

Annual Data (2011)

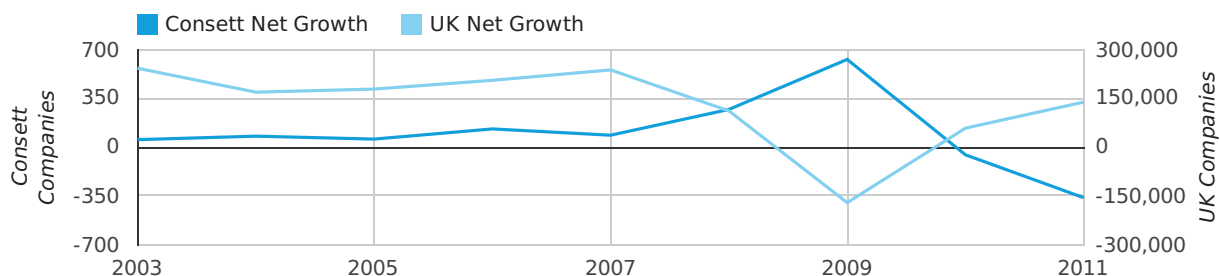
A total of -364 companies were removed to the company register for Consett in 2011. This number represents decline of 181.1% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 308 companies lower than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2009 when the Consett company register grew by 629 companies.

YEAR	CONSETT	UK
2011	-364	138,347
2010	-56	58,126
2009	629	-171,098
2008	270	111,302
2007	85	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2009 (629)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

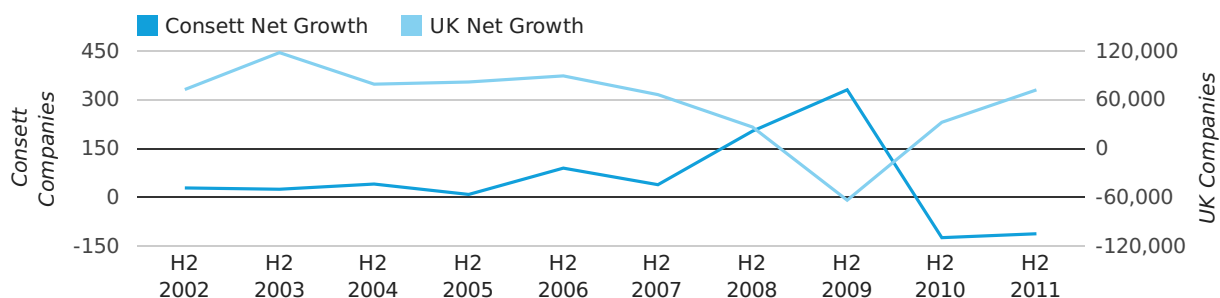


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Consett decreased by 113 companies. This figure is 9.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CONSETT	UK
2011	-113	71,922
2010	-125	32,008
% CHANGE	-9.6%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (330)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



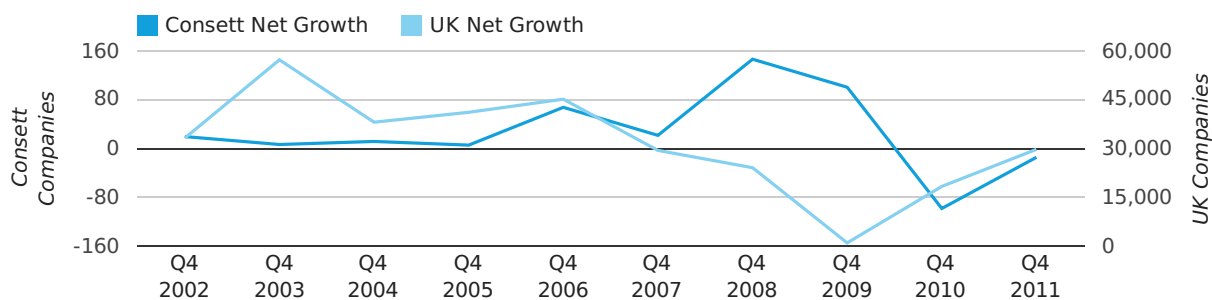
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Consett during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was -15 companies.

This represents an increase of 84.8% on the same period last year.

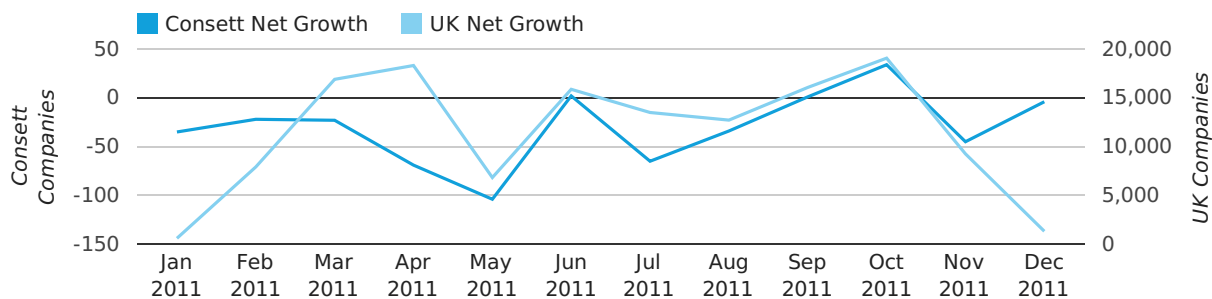
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CONSETT	UK
2011	-15	29,640
2010	-99	18,221
% CHANGE	-84.8%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (146)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



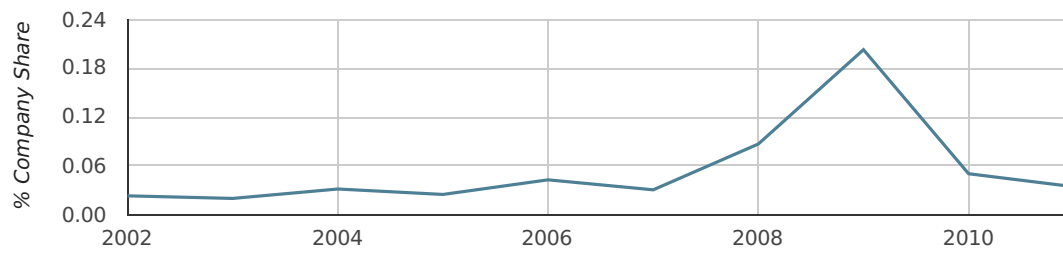
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	34	-45	-4
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-41	-81	23
% CHANGE	-182.9%	-44.4%	-117.4%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (69)	2006 (55)	2008 (43)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Consett formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is a decline on 2010 when Consett was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	CONSETT
2011	0.0%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2009 (0.2%)

company share by year

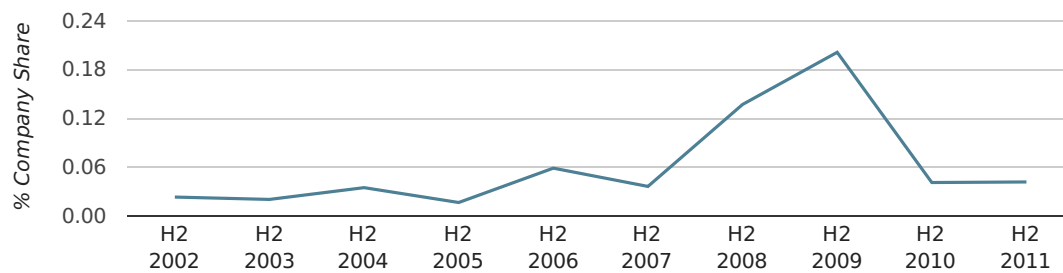


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Consett formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CONSETT
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2009 (0.2%)

company share by half year

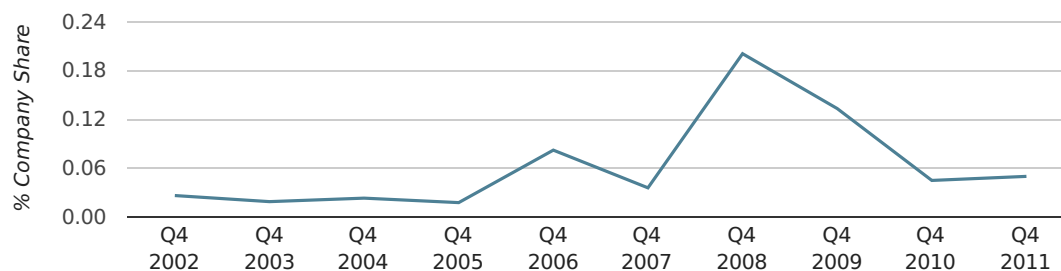


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Consett formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

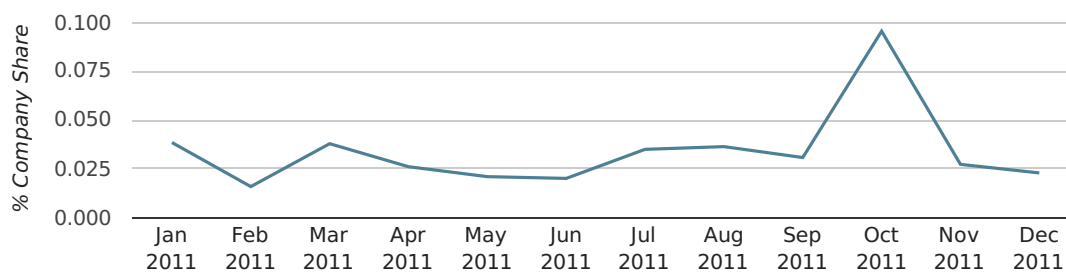
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CONSETT
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2008 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
% CHANGE	256.7%	17.2%	-76.1%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (0.2%)	2006 (0.2%)	2008 (0.2%)

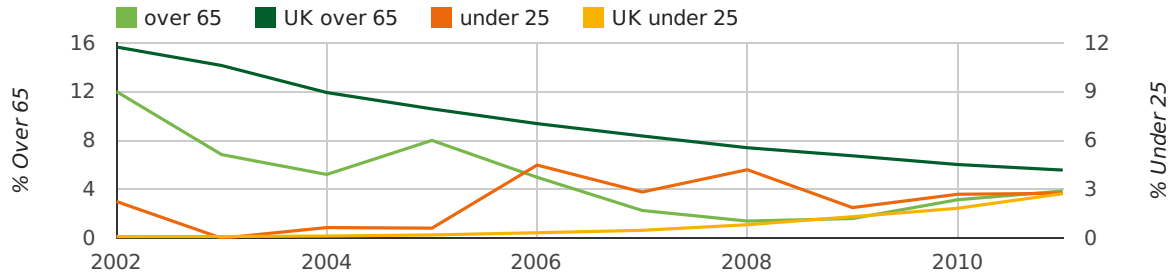
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



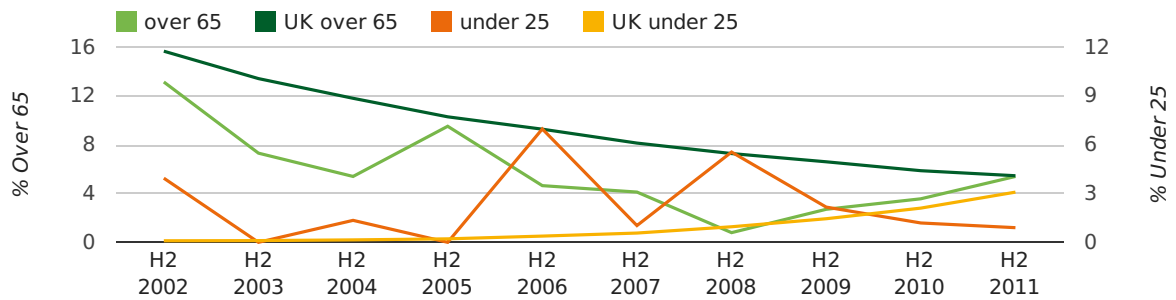
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



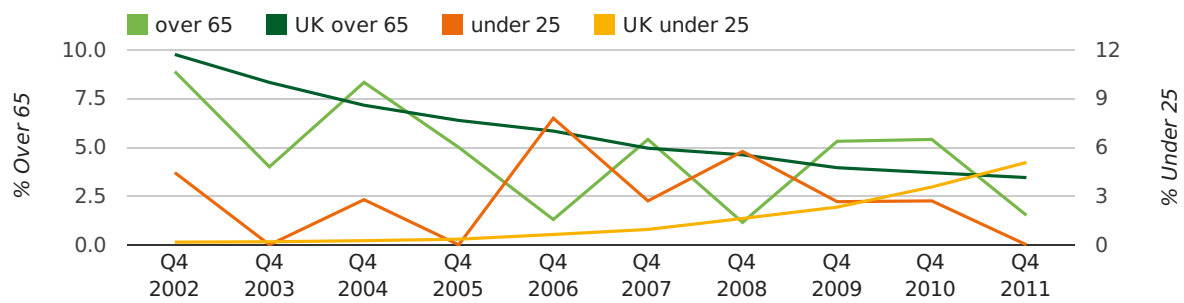
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 41.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

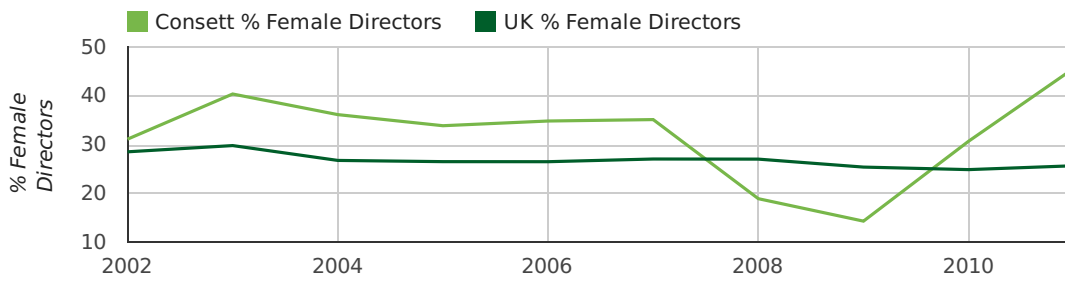


Annual Data (2011)

The record year for female directors in Consett was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in Consett in 2011 was 31.2%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

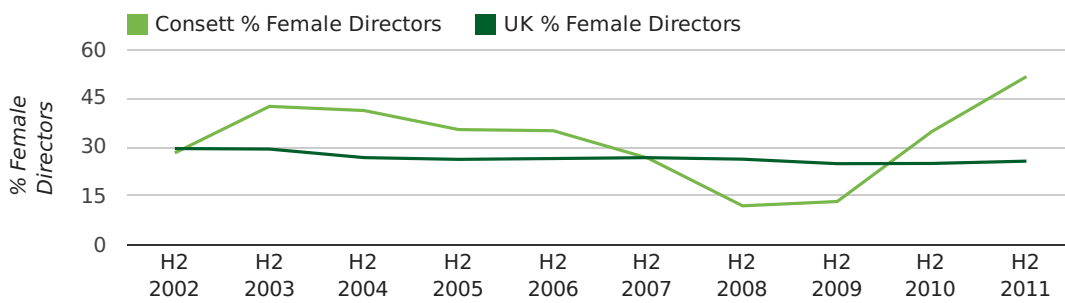


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The record second half year for female directors in Consett was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

51.7% of all director appointments in Consett in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

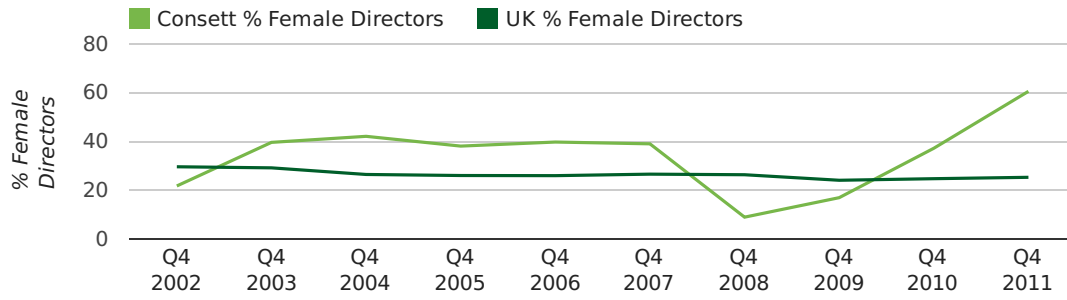


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The record fourth quarter for female directors in Consett was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

60.6% of all director appointments in Consett in the fourth quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
SECRETARIES	8.74%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.75%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.40%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
(CONSETT)	1.05%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CENTRE	1.05%	TRADING	2.07%
TRAINING	1.05%	DESIGN	1.92%
CAKE	0.70%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CLASSIC	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
BUILDING	0.70%	BUSINESS	1.78%
TREE	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
RECYCLING	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
HIRE	0.70%	MEDIA	1.71%
ENERGY	0.70%	LONDON	1.63%
SPRINGDALE	0.70%	J	1.51%
STANLEY	0.70%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSETT	0.70%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ROSE	0.70%	IT	1.41%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.70%	CARE	1.39%
SHARK	0.70%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
NE	0.70%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
TOP	0.70%	M	1.27%
CAPITAL	0.70%	BUILDING	1.26%
EAST	0.70%	ENERGY	1.25%
EDGE	0.70%	S	1.20%
CONSTRUCTION	0.70%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
7487 - Other business activities	603	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	182	32,483
None Supplied	42	205,525
7414 - Business & management consultancy	8	13,034
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	7	17,765
8042 - Adult and other education	4	2,253
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,175
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	3	5,558
9305 - Other service activities	3	9,492
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	3	12,072
70100 - Activities of head offices	3	2,662
7499 - Non-trading company	3	9,957
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	3	3,342
4542 - Joinery installation	2	770
96040 - Physical well-being activities	2	409
4525 - Other special trades construction	2	1,651
5540 - Bars	2	2,147
7440 - Advertising	2	1,765
8514 - Other human health activities	2	2,637
9999 - Dormant Company	2	20,199